#### Message

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Subject: RE: OX5034 EUP storm language

Hello Kara,

Thanks for this clarification. In this case we have the following suggested language:

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Hi Wiebke,

Yes, the company has the option to dump the boxes or transport them to a secure facility under the draft language. I think the option of dumping the boxes may be good to keep, especially if something prevents Oxitec from moving the boxes to a secure facility. These alternatives provide some flexibility to the company.

Thanks,

Kara

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Hello Kara,

Amanda and I looked at the storm language and are proposing a sort of hybrid between the company's draft and ours, since the company had more details about their facilities that seemed useful:

### Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Wiebke

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Subject: OX5034 EUP storm language

Hi Nina, Cassie, and Wiebke,

Mike asked me to pass along the storm language to the HRA team below is Oxitec's storm language and under that is what I think we'll propose as a change after more discussion with Oxitec and the states. Please take a look and if you have suggested edits let me know.

#### **Natural Disaster/Storm Protocol**

Oxitec's current language  $\rightarrow$  In the case of any trial site being impacted by natural disasters (for example, wildfires, tropical storms or hurricanes, etc.) Oxitec will leave these *in situ* if safe to do so. If circumstances require it, Oxitec will endeavor to retrieve the live Mosquito Rearing Boxes and transport them back to a secure facility safely and under appropriate containment. Boxes will be stored in the facility (under containment) and returned to the field sites as live Mosquito Rearing Boxes if/when safe to do so, to enable ongoing mosquito rearing in the boxes and to minimize trial disruption as a result of natural disasters, while ensuring that mosquitoes are only released in the approved trial areas.

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Thanks,

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